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SUBJ: CIVAIR - UNAUTHORIZED OVERSEAS NATIONAL AIRWAYS (ONA)
CHARTER FLIGHT

REF: (A) ROME 10418, (B) ROME 10175, (C) ROME A-270, 6/17/76

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: CONFIRMING PREDICTIONS REF (A), ITALIAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES -CIVILAVIA INFORMED LOCAL ONA AGENT THAT, DUE TO JUNE 20 OPERATION OF UNAUTHORIZED CHARTER FLIGHT, ONA SUSPENDED FROM ACTIVITIES IN ITALY FOR PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS BEGINNING AUGUST 5. CIVILAVIA'S DECISION BASED ON PENALTIES SET OUT IN PARA 5, CIVILAVIA CIRCULAR 318840/34 OF JUNE 3, 1976 (TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT VIA REF C).

2. ONA REP ADVISED EMBASSY JULY 19 THAT ONA HAD PLANNED TO OPERATE NINE FLIGHTS DURING PERIOD OF SUSPENSION, INCLUDING ONE MAC CHARTER (AUGUST 14, 1976, FLT 3289 MAC LIRP/KSLN). END UNCLASSIFIED

3. ONA REP ADVISES THAT HE HAS CABLED ONA OFFICIALS NEW YORK FOR AUTHORIZATION TO APPEAL JUDGEMENT, WHICH HE CHARTERIZED AS DENIAL OF DUE PROCESS (I.E., CARRIER'S POINT OF VIEW NOT RPT NOT FORMALLY CONSIDERED) AND TOO HARSH FOR FIRST VIOLATION. ONA REP ALSO SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY THAT ONA MAY WISH TO FILE PROTEST AND APPEAL VIA CAB IN
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4. ONA REP TOLD EMBOFF THAT MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
(RESPONSIBLE FOR CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS) CONTACT HAS IN-
FORMALLY ADVISED THAT ONA'S SENTENCE LIKELY TO BE REDUCED
ON APPEAL.

5. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING FLIGHT
(REFTELS), EMBASSY WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO JOIN OR SUPPORT
ONA'S APPEAL.VOLPE

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